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Professional Profile

Dr. Michael T. Prange is a Managing Engineer in Exponent's Biomechanics practice. Dr. Prange addresses issues involving human injury biomechanics and occupant kinematics to assess the severity and mechanism of injury incurred during traumatic events. He has expertise in human injury biomechanics, specializing in head and neck injury tolerance, pediatric biomechanics, and occupant kinematics. Dr. Prange has over a decade of experience addressing questions involving the unique aspects of pediatric biomechanics and injuries. His work includes analysis of injuries occurring in transportation accidents; incidents involving consumer products; and accidental and inflicted injury scenarios. Dr. Prange has investigated the injury mechanisms and kinematics of children during automotive transportation (vehicle seatbelts, child safety restraints, airbags), accidental falls, and child abuse.

Dr. Prange's research interests include adult and pediatric head and neck injury mechanisms and tolerance. His research experience includes studies of traumatic brain injury, neck and spine structural and failure properties, child restraint systems, biomechanics of shaken baby syndrome and household falls, biological material testing, viscoelastic mechanical properties of tissue, helmet protection, and computational models of injury prediction. Dr. Prange also has unique experience in the determination of pediatric head and neck structural properties and injury tolerances using pediatric cadaveric specimens.

Prior to joining Exponent, Dr. Prange was a Senior Research Scientist in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Duke University and a research assistant in the Injury Biomechanics Laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania. He was the project leader on a grant investigating pediatric head and neck biomechanics. Dr. Prange's research has been featured on CNN, BBC, Primetime Live and in Discover Magazine.

Academic Credentials and Professional Honors

Ph.D., Bioengineering, University of Pennsylvania, 2002
M.S.E., Bioengineering, University of Pennsylvania, 1999
B.S., Biological Engineering, North Carolina State University, (*magna cum laude*), 1996

2002 Solomon R. Pollock Award for Excellence in Graduate Bioengineering Research, University of Pennsylvania; 43rd Stapp Car Crash Conference Student Paper Award; Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honor Society); Gerber Products Scholarship

Licenses and Certifications

Licensed Professional Engineer, Pennsylvania, No. PE073241
Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician

Publications

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Prange MT, Coats B, Duhaime AC, Margulies SS. Anthropomorphic simulations of falls, shakes, and inflicted impacts in infants. *Journal of Neurosurgery* 2003; 99:143–150.

Prange MT, Margulies SS. Regional, directional, and age-dependent properties of brain undergoing large deformation. *Journal of Biomechanical Engineering* 2002; 124(2):224–252.

Prange MT, Meaney DF, Margulies SS. Defining brain mechanical properties: Effects of region, direction, and species. *Stapp Car Crash Journal* 2000; 44:205–213. (Presented at the 44th Stapp Car Crash Conference, Atlanta, GA).

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Book Chapters

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Abstracts and Presentations

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Heller M, George J, Yamaguchi G, McGowan J, Prange M. Linear head accelerations resulting from short falls onto the occiput in children. Annual Meeting for the American Society of Biomechanics, State College, PA, 2009.

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Prange MT, Margulies SS. Large Deformation material properties of white and gray matter. 3rd World Congress of Biomechanics, Sapporo, Japan, 1998.

Prange MT, Meany DF, Margulies SS. Directional properties of gray and white brain tissue undergoing large deformation. International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, Anaheim, CA, 1998.

Peer Reviewer

Reviewer: Journal of Biomechanics, Journal of Biomechanical Engineering, Annals of Biomedical Engineering, Annual Review of Biomedical Engineering, Journal of Applied Bionics and Biomechanics, Journal of Neurotrauma, Society of Automotive Engineers, National Institutes of Health Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Sciences Study Section

Professional Affiliations

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Prior Experience

Senior Research Scientist, Department of Biomedical Engineering at Duke University,
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Graduate Research Assistant, Injury Biomechanics Laboratory, Department of Bioengineering
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